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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1(currently amended). A wet paper transfer belt for use in the press part of a closed draw papermaking machine, comprising a base body, a wet paper web side layer having a wet paper web side surface, and a machine side layer, wherein said wet paper web side layer comprises a high molecular weight elastic section and a hydrophilic fiber body, and at least a part of the fiber body is exposed on said wet paper web side surface, and at least the exposed part of the fiber body is hydrophilic.

2(currently amended). A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein hydrophilic treatment is applied to the surface of the exposed part of the fiber body

3-4 (cancelled).